

and will work with customers on any job from start to finish no matter how big or small.

The company would not be where it is today without the vision of Ernie DeLord's nephew Steve Passannante who began working for the company in 1974. When Steve began, the product line consisted only of sheet metal connectors. He had the vision of the company growing from a connector manufacturer to a full service HVAC fabrication shop. Steve expanded the company and built relationships with some of the largest contractors in Chicago.

Cleats is now one of the largest HVAC fabricators in the Chicagoland area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cleats Manufacturing on their 50th anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING JUDGE ALAN BLANKENSHIP

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2014*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Alan Blankenship for being awarded the Agency for Science, Technology, and Research (ASTAR) fellowship distinction by the Missouri Supreme Court.

Judge Alan Blankenship has served as Associate Circuit Judge in Stone County since 2002. Aside from presiding over civil and criminal general jurisdiction cases, Judge Blankenship presides over the successful Stone County Drug and DWI court programs and serves on the Missouri Trial Judge Education Committee and Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals Board of Directors.

ASTAR is the lead agency responsible for conducting a program whereby judges from around the country undergo advanced training in science and technology to better equip the courts to handle issues dealing with science and technology. ASTAR judges may be assigned to handle cases or consult with judges with complex scientific matters and help develop training programs for trial judges.

On August 27, 2014, Missouri Supreme Court Judge Zel Fischer presented Judge Blankenship with his ASTAR fellowship award. The ASTAR fellowship award was given to him after completing over 120 hours of court-related science and technology training given by experts in fields such as computer forensics and cybercrime.

I am honored to recognize Judge Alan Blankenship for his service and leadership to the Stone County community.

#### RECOGNIZING MRS. HENRIETTA HATTON CLARK ON OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2014*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Henrietta Hatton Clark, a be-

loved and respected constituent from Vance County, North Carolina who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, September 14, 2014. Mrs. Clark is a pillar of her community and is highly respected by all those who know her because of her unwavering commitments to God, her family, her church and the community and state she has called home her entire life.

Mrs. Clark was born on a farm in Vance County, North Carolina on September 14, 1914. She was the youngest of six children and was adventurous at an early age. She attended elementary school in Vance County and went on to graduate from Henderson Institute which was operated by the Northern Presbyterian Church. Following Henderson Institute, Mrs. Clark attended what was then Winston-Salem State Teachers College, now Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Equipped with her teaching degree, Mrs. Clark set out to make the world a better place one child and one classroom at a time by inspiring children to dream big and work hard. She taught in Vance County, North Carolina Schools for several decades and shaped generations of young minds. She often told her students, "You can achieve any position if you study, work hard, and believe in yourself."

Mrs. Clark's passion and drive did not stop when the school day ended. She was incredibly active in her community. She led voter registration initiatives and was an inspirational leader during the Civil Rights Movement. She served on important committees that made recommendations for state judicial appointments which empowered her to help diversify the Bench. She also served as a Board Member for several community organizations and was a longtime member of the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Clark remains a very active member of Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church in Henderson, North Carolina. The church and its members have been a persistent source of joy, peace, and happiness throughout Mrs. Clark's truly remarkable life. Likewise, members of her Church and residents of the Henderson and Vance County community hold Mrs. Clark in high esteem and are honored to know her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my House colleagues to join me in sending warm regards and in wishing Mrs. Henrietta Hatton Clark a very happy birthday.

#### HONORING BUFORD PUSSEY

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2014*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the Tennessee 7th Congressional District has its share of men, myths, and legends. We are thankful to have giants of music, industry, public service, and community become our neighbors and friends. I rise today to honor the legacy of one such mighty man of the Tennessee 7th on the 40th anniversary of the day he left us.

Buford Pussey's legacy isn't just one of taking on moonshining and ridding McNairy

County of prostitution. His short time on Earth is marked by his continued service to others. From joining the United States Marine Corps to becoming Adamsville's police chief and constable after he was given a medical discharge from the military, Pussey's dedication served well the citizens of McNairy County. Elected to three consecutive terms as Sheriff, Pussey continued to protect and defend his beloved community.

It is fitting to remember Buford Pussey on the day his life ended, to remember the dedication and determination for justice that shaped his life. His impact on McNairy County cannot be measured in simple numbers, or in long bats, but only in the legacy he left behind. I ask my colleagues to join with me in remembering one of McNairy County's greatest men.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICORPS ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2014*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of twenty years of service to our communities from AmeriCorps members. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating with AmeriCorps members past and present the many lives changed and neighborhoods improved through the immensely important work of these volunteers.

On September 12, 1994, the first class of 20,000 AmeriCorps members was sworn-in and began serving in 1,000 communities across the country. President Clinton signed the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 to create AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service, and participated by swearing-in the first AmeriCorps members in the Oval Office twenty years ago tomorrow.

Since 1994, more than 900,000 AmeriCorps members have contributed more than 1 billion hours in service across the country. In my hometown of Sacramento, I have met AmeriCorps members serving in places like Pacific Elementary, the Sacramento Food Bank, and at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites. In total, we have 796 AmeriCorps positions in Sacramento for the 2013-2014 program year. I am grateful for the outstanding service this group of volunteers has performed in the Sacramento community, making Sacramento a better place to live, work and learn.

Today, September 11th, we honor the fallen in the terrorist attacks by designating September 11th as the National Day of Service and Remembrance. I thank the AmeriCorps volunteers, and all volunteers across the country, who join together to make our country better, stronger and more united through service.

Mr. Speaker, again I thank the past, present and future members of AmeriCorps for their tremendous service to our country. This twenty year anniversary marks a successful milestone for the program, and I look forward to seeing the accomplishments of AmeriCorps over the next twenty years and beyond.